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COMMERCE (TOLO).

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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: USDEL REPORT ON
MEETINGS, MARCH 9

1. SHOVELTON CALLED PLENARY FOR AFTERNOON TO REVIEW
JOINTLY STATUS OF VARIOUS ITEMS IN RENEGOTIATION, IN
PREPARATION FOR HIS REPORT TO SECSTATE FOR TRADE DELL
ON EVE OF CALLAGHAN MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON.

2. CAPACITY. SHOVELTON SUMMARIZED "MAJOR DIFFERENCES
OF PHILOSOPHY BETWEEN US AND UK DRAFTS ON CAPACITY".
CERTAIN DIFFERENCES ARE "TOTALLY UNRESOLVED". THESE
ARE US REFUSAL (1) TO ALLOW FOR INTERCARRIER CONFERENCE
TO ESTIMATE TRAFFIC DEMAND IN PARTICULAR MARKETS, LET
ALONE TO AGREE ON SCHEDULES AND RATIONALIZATION OF
CAPACITY, (2) TO ACCEPT FALLBACK LEVELS (SPECIFIED IN
BILATERAL) FOR CAPACITY TO BE OPERATED IN CASE NO
AGREEMENT ON CAPACITY PROPOSALS, AND (3) (OF LESS
IMPORTANCE) TO AGREE ON LOAD FACTOR STANDARDS IN EACH
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MARKET IN ADVANCE OF EACH SEASON. SHOVELTON SAID "VERY
MUCH REGRET THAT THERE IS NO ACCEPTANCE ON US SIDE" OF
VALUE OF PRIOR CARRIER AGREEMENT ON TRAFFIC ESTIMATES.
AS REPORTED LONDON 3846, AND LONDON 3918, UKDEL HAS NOT
MOVED FROM ITS BASIC OPENING POSITION OF PREDETERMIN-
ATION OF CAPACITY. USDEL FIRMLY OF VIEW UK POSITION IS
TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, MUST MAINTAIN US POSITION IN

LONDON 3783.

3. ROUTES. SHOVELTON ASKED "DO I REPORT US REFUSES TO
REPLY TO UK ROUTE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL?" BOYD, "YES, UNTIL
PROGRESS MADE ON CAPACITY PHILOSOPHY."

4. WEST COAST CAPACITY. SHOVELTON SAID US AIRLINES
ATTEMPTING PRE-EMPT SAN FRANCISCO MARKET. (PANAM, TWA
NOW SERVE SF-LONDON ONE-STOP, PLAN TO UPGRADE TO NONSTOP
END APRIL.) UKDEL OBJECTS TO WHAT IT SEES AS
UNWARRANTED 60 PERCENT CAPACITY INCREASE; THREATENS
"SOMETHING WOULD HAVE TO HAPPEN TO DUAL PANAM, TWA
SERVICE ON 23 JUNE, IF NO AGREEMENT". SHOVELTON WILL
REPORT THIS TO DELL AS "PROBLEM AREA". MORE DISCUSSION
LONDON 3838.

5. CHARTERS. HOPED FOR PROGRESS ON CHARTER UNDER-
STANDING FOR 1977 FADED WHEN UK TODAY REJECTED US
PROPOSAL FOR OPERATION OF NEW ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTERS
ESSENTIALLY UNDER US RULES ALONE WITH FAIL-SAFE CONTROLS
TO INSURE THAT DIVERSION IF ANY FROM SCHEDULED SERVICES
BY ABC CHARTER SUBSTITUTE CHARTER PASSENGERS DURING
FINAL TWO WEEKS BEFORE EACH FLIGHT WOULD BE DE MINIMUS,
SPECIFICALLY LESS THAN ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF
SCHEDULED TRAFFIC. UKDEL INSISTED THAT IN ORDER TO GAIN
NECESSARY ECAC ACCEPTANCE OF ANY ABC COMPROMISE IT
WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN DELEGATIONS WERE
CONSIDERING SUBMITTING FOR RESPECTIVE CLEARANCES AFTER
DECEMBER TALKS, I.E. EITHER LESS SUBSTITUTION OR LONGER
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TRIP DURATIONS OR BOTH. US POSITION CALLS FOR LESS
RESTRICTIVE OUTCOME.

6. OTHER ISSUES. STATUS REPORTS PROVIDED BY WORKING
GROUPS ON RATES AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL ARTICLES.
PROGRESS IS SATISFACTORY. SHIFT OF SOME SERVICES TO
GATWICK RAISED BY SHOVELTON, BUT NO SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSION.

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